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TODAY and TOMORROW

The War Outlook

FIGHTING on the Western front is no smooth sailing for the Anglo-Americans, right contrary to their fond expectations of a few days ago. This was frankly admitted by Stimson, the United States War Secretary, at a Press conference last Thursday. Only ten days ago, Anglo-American papers were expressing their confidence about defeating Germany shortly but now they are gradually disillusioned. Despite staggering losses in men and materials, they are unable to make any headway on German soil. On the other hand, Germany is paying particular attention to the construction of a strong fighter air-arm and the Anglo-American supremacy in the air will be caught up with, phase by phase, in the not too distant future, according to the assurance that the Reich Propaganda Minister Dr. Goebbels gave his people in a recent address. Taken all in all, the outlook for the Anglo-Americans in the Western front is far from hopeful.

Nor is the war situation in Asia any brighter for the Anglo-Americans. On the contrary, it is much worse than in Europe. The Nippon forces are sweeping everything before them in South China. On the admission of the American War Secretary Stimson himself, the Nippon forces in that sector have widened their operations and are now very near Kweilin. The Nippon thrust westward from Canton has resulted in the American abandonment and destruction of the air-base of Tanchuk. It was not long ago that the Americans lost their important bases at Hengyang, Lingling and Kweilin. Chungking announced that Nippon troops are now only six miles from the Fukien Province port of Foochow. This is the last seaport still in the hands of the Chungkingites.

No wonder that in the light of such facts as these, the American War Information Bureau recently cut across Churchill's and Roosevelt's early predictions of a quick victory over Nippon by stating that the Anglo-Americans after finishing the war against Germany, would want at least one and a half to two years for the war against Nippon. The British Government too would now appear to share this view of the American War Information Bureau. For, according to the United Press News, every effort has been made recently to educate the British as to what the possession of East Asia means to Nippon in terms of commodities like rubber, petroleum, tea, sugar, rice, lead, tin, iron, and quinine.

The Anglo-Americans in East Asia are obviously up against a proposition that will break them sooner or later. The warmongers in Britain and America may not to-day believe it. But the coming events will surely disillusion them, in just the same way as they are being disillusioned in the West.

Nipponese Forces Take Laochating In Swift Drive

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Disaster Awaits U.S. Fighting Forces On China Continent

Kwangsi Front, October 6 (Domei)—In their southward drive along the Hengyang-Kweilin railway after capturing Hingan on October 1, the Nippon forces crushed an enemy force of about 2,000 troops belonging to the provisionally organized Eighth Division of Chungking's 93rd Army, and on October 3 reduced Laochating, about 50 kilometres north-east of Kweilin.

The remnant enemy troops are now being mopped up.

Canton, October 5 (Domei)—Only 9½ kilometres now separate Foochow from the Nippon forces which effected a landing on the Fukien coast and are now driving toward the strategically located Fukien provincial capital, according to latest Chungking information received here today.

Shanghai, Oct. 6 (Domei)—The capture of Foochow, which is now only a matter of time as the Nippon forces continue their drive from the Fukien coast, will prove a devastating blow not only to Chungking but to the United States forces operating on the China continent as well. It will be a military blow to the United States forces in China as directly and strategically, Foochow so far has held a more important role in the operations of the United States forces than of the Chungking Central Army, which is now defending the doomed city against the Nippon onslaughts. To Chungking, the fall of Foochow will prove a mental and spiritual blow because the city is the last and only Chungking-occupied stronghold left on the entire coastline on the China continent.

The time when the entire China continent will be rid of all United States influence is steadily drawing near as Nippon operations are progressing smoothly and swiftly.

Br. Officers Want To Go Home Due To India Unrest

The mounting unrest among Indian soldiers is clearly reflected in various reports received from London.

According to one despatch from London, one of the British officers in a recent letter published in a British Service Journal, says that he is most anxious to return to England as soon as possible and that he "would never again go back to India."

IMPERIAL FORCES INFLICT HUGE LOSSES ON PILILIOU INVADERS IN FURIOUS WAR

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Dai Honyei Reveals War Situation Enemy's Repeated Attempts Crushed

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Tokyo, Oct. 6 (Domei)—The text of the communique on the war situation on Pililiou Island released at 3 p.m by Dai Honyei reads:

"Firstly the war situation in the Palau Group is as follows:—

"Our forces on Pililiou Island, holding the central hilly region and the northern part of the same island, as well as Godobusu Islet, are repulsing the numerically superior enemy forces in close range fighting and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy each time he repeats his offensive. At the same time the Nippon forces are carrying out daring thrusts into enemy positions, dealing heavy blows to the enemy.

"Our forces on Angaur Island are fighting courageously against the numerically superior enemy in the vicinity of the hilly positions in the north-western part of the island.

"The Commander of the army forces in the Palau Group is Lieut.-General Sadae Inoue, while the navy forces in the same sector are commanded by Vice-Admiral Kenzo Ito.

"Secondly the losses so far confirmed inflicted on the enemy in the Pililiou sector since the enemy effected a landing on the island on Sept. 15 are as follows:—More than 18,000 troops killed or wounded (excluding casualties on the sea); more than 190 tanks either set ablaze or stranded, and 12 guns either captured or destroyed;

"One cruiser, two destroyers, one submarine, one minesweeper and one warcraft of unidentified category, all instantaneously sunk; one submarine, one minesweeper, two warcraft of unidentified category and 62 landing boats sunk; four transports set ablaze and two large landing vessels heavily damaged;

"Twenty-seven enemy planes shot down, of which five were probables, and seven others damaged; in addition to large quantities of arms, ammunition and provisions either captured or destroyed."

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, Oct. 6 (Domei)—Nippon garrison units entrenched firmly in their positions in the south-eastern part of the Central Height of Pililiou Island, early on the morning of Oct. 4 successfully frustrated another large-scale attack launched by the enemy equipped with flame-throwers.

The enemy launched the attack following his intensive bombardment of our positions on the Central Height.

Meanwhile a fierce battle continues to rage unabated on Godobusu Island of the Palau Group.

Sian & Hanchung Airbases Blasted In Severe Raids

A Nippon Base on the China Front, October 6 (Domei)—During the ten-day period ending September 30, the Nippon air force in China shot down 24 enemy aircraft and destroyed on the ground or set ablaze 124 others in raids against enemy airbases.

During the same period, the Nippon air force lost only six planes which either self-blasted themselves against enemy objectives or failed to return to their base.

In addition to these raids against enemy airbases, our air force also extended co-operation to our ground forces and assisted in protecting river navigation.

Nippon air units in China on the night of October 3 carried out effective raids on the enemy bases of Sian and Hanchung, both located in Shensi Province, wreaking havoc among enemy aircraft and ground installations.

U.S. Secretary Of State Cordell Hull To Resign Soon?

Stockholm, Oct. 6 (Domei)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull will resign soon in the opinion of Washington political circles, according to a report by the Swedish newspaper Sven Dagbladet's correspondent in New York.

The correspondent said the first indication that Hull may resign was furnished by the New York Times' Washington correspondent Arthur Krock who is described as a great admirer and intimate friend of Hull. Krock said that even if Roosevelt is re-elected to a fourth term, Hull would hardly retain his post.

Other political observers voiced a similar opinion pointing out that relations between Hull and Roosevelt have deteriorated greatly of late, wherefore they consider it improbable that Roosevelt will seriously oppose Hull's intention to resign.

National Leaders Won't Be Freed, Amery Declares

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Krishna Menon Assails India Secretary's Gross Insolence

Lisbon, October 5 (Domei)—Indian hopes that the British Government might take steps to free incarcerated Indian nationalist leaders were shattered today when British Secretary of State for India Leopold S. Amery flatly declared in the House of Commons that he could see no reason for releasing Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other influential Congress leaders who made no response to the Indian Viceroy's invitation last February to abandon the policy of non-co-operation and obstruction, according to a London dispatch.

Amery's statement was made in reply to questions posed by W. Dobbie and Reginald Sorensen, Labour members, who asked if he knew that Nehru's health was causing anxiety and the release of all detainees could be considered.

As to the health of the imprisoned Indian leaders, the Secretary of State for India said, "I made special inquiries and am informed that with the exception of Dr. Ghose, who is suffering from a mild internal complaint, all members of the Working Committee now detained are well."

Assailing British Secretary of State for India Leopold S. Amery's flat refusal to release incarcerated Indian political leaders, Krishna Menon, Secretary of the India League in Britain, today declared that Amery's answer in the House of Commons "shows that the deadlock is to continue so long as he is in office," according to a London dispatch.

"Amery's answer also means that the Government has no interest in an agreement of Jinnah and Gandhi as such an agreement, so necessary for effective war effort, cannot be achieved without the release of Nehru and his companions."

10,325 Anti-Axis Planes Destroyed In Three Months

The latest check-up of German Luftwaffe successes against the anti-Axis reveals that 5,145 Anglo-American aircraft, mostly four-engined bombers, were destroyed over the Western front and Reich territory during July, August and September.

During the same period, the Germans destroyed 5,180 Soviet planes in the east.

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Municipal Workers Here Donate For War Relief

Setting a fine example to other office workers the Syonan Municipal staff and employees have contributed a sum of $7,545.61 representing voluntary subscriptions collected with the permission of H.E. the Mayor towards the War Relief Fund.

The amount was handed over to the Hospital Authorities on Thursday of this week by the representatives of the Tokubetusi staff accompanied by Mr. T. Samezima, the Spokesman.

The Hospital Authorities received the contribution with profound appreciation and expressed their deep gratitude to all those who had subscribed towards the fund.

The following gentlemen representing the various Municipal departments were present at the presentation: Messrs. M. Murugasu, Tan Jui Nagh, Yeo Koon Guan R. Senevasan, Lim Seng Kiang, and Teo Kang Liak.

Anti-British Feeling Flares Up In Palestine

Zurich, Oct. 5 (Domei)—Influential Arab parties in Palestine have handed a protest to Lord Gort, British High Commissioner in Jerusalem, over the formation of the "Jewish Palestine Brigade" whose avowed object is to aid Britain in the conduct of the war, according to a Jerusalem dispatch.

The protest pointed out that the establishment of the Jewish Palestine Brigade will only lead to further unrest in the mandated areas and suggested that the Jews simply created the organization for the purpose of strengthening their position in Palestine under the pretext of assisting Britain's war effort.

Detroit War Plants Cease Production

Lisbon, Oct. 5 (Domei)—Production in seven Detroit war plants halted today, laying off an estimated 35,500 workers, according to a dispatch received here. The plants closed were five factories of the Briggs Manufacturing Company and two of the Chrysler Corporation.

Work stoppage was also threatened at the Ford Company's Willow Run bomber plant when about 100 crane operators and electricians walked out but the men returned to work within two hours.

V-1-Carrying Heinkels Attack South England

Lisbon, Oct. 5 (Domei)—Threatening the British Isles with more V-1 attacks, German flying-bomb-carrying Heinkels ranged along the Eastern England coastline tonight for a brief attack against Southern England, according to a Reuter's London message.

The heaviest barrage for many months was put up by coastal defence guns at one part of the East Coast, the dispatch said.

ON THE AIR

(TODAY)

18.00 News Flashes in Tamil and English; 18.15 Syonan Local Hour; 18.40 Indian Children's Hour by the pupils of Ophir Road Tamil Girls' School; 20.25 News in Hindustani followed by News in Tamil; 20.59 Time Signal; 21.00 Nippon-go Koza No. 28; 21.15 Talk in English entitled "Tide of War"; 21.30 Orchestral Recital by M. Ramalingam & Party; 22.00 News in English.

Furious Fighting Raging On Entire Western Theatre

Lisbon, October 5 (Domei)—Heavy fighting continued today at three points in the northern sector of the Western Front—the Arnhem, Ubach, and Antwerp areas—with the Anglo-American invasion forces being unable to make any sensational gains owing to stiff German resistance, according to frontline dispatches received here.

Stubborn battles are reported to be taking place three kilometres from the bridge over the Lower Rhine at Arnhem where the First British Airborne Division was recently wiped out when it was encircled and cut to pieces by German troops.

Reuter's war correspondent Desmond Tighe said the Germans are resisting stubbornly, throwing in armour, supported by artillery and self-propelled guns and mortars. He added that the Germans continue to hold a firm line along General Dempsey's western flank.

The German High Command communique today reported that fighting is increasing in intensity on the Belgian-Dutch frontier south-west of Arnhem and on both sides of Gennep, admitting that the anti-Axis forces managed to make slight gains north of Turnhout and in the Ubach area.

Reporting increasing German resistance north of Aachen, an Associated Press dispatch said that German artillery concentrations in this sector were the "greatest ever met in any one area".

In north-eastern France fierce fighting raged unabated for Driant, which guards the powerful fortress of Metz, the Germans offering what was termed "fanatical opposition". German counter-attacks with tanks and infantry today were said to have taken place approximately 14½ kilometres north-east of Nancy.

The lull lasting for some time in the central sector of the Eastern Front was broken on Wednesday when a German armoured combat group stormed the Soviet bridgehead on the Narew, north of Warsaw. Frontline dispatches to Berlin said that Soviet troops in Lithuania have started an all-out drive with 12 and 14 divisions west of Siauliai (Shauli), 80 miles north-west of the east Prussian city of Tilsit. Seven Soviet divisions of about 100,000 strong have landed on the Estonian Island of Saare, at the mouth of the Gulf of Riga, dispatches to Berlin added.

Moscow reports said that Soviet troops were fighting in the suburbs of Belgrade. The German High Command announced that bitter fighting is raging north-east of Belgrade. It added that furious fighting is in progress at Azjecar and north of the city at the large Danube bend on the Yugoslav-Bulgarian border.

Associated Press dispatches quoted anti-Axis Rome headquarters as saying that British troops had invaded western Greece, moving in by sea and air, and British Spitfires are already operating from the airfield near the occupied port of Patras.

Chiang's Regime Cracking Against Nippon Pressure

Tokyo, Oct. 4 (Domei)—The impending crisis of Kweilin, citadel of the United States air force in southwestern China, created as a result of the recent capture by the Nippon forces of Paoking and Tanchuk, key operational bases in the sector, is already having a serious effect on the Chungking regime in its futile war of resistance against Nippon, according to an Asahi dispatch from Shanghai today. It added that Kweilin's crisis is directly a crisis of the entire south-western China, thereby shaking the China-based United States air force to its very foundations.

The fall of Tanchuk into Nippon hands and the imminent crisis of Kweilin which has already had the effect of neutralizing the whole network of operational bases for the United States air force in that sector, has created bitter disappointment in the minds of some Chinese who had looked upon the American air force as the spearhead of Chungking's war of resistance against Nippon, the Asahi reported. This disappointment, the paper added, is now rapidly changing itself into a deeprooted grudge against the United States air force, which on its part is now making frantic efforts to shift the responsibility for the recent disastrous defeats to the Chungking ground forces.

Thus, with the successful progress of our military operations on this front, serious friction is developing between the Chungking regime and the United States air force which is manoeuvring to take advantage of the recent reverses in this sector to usurp the supreme command of the entire Chungking army.

Referring to Chiang Kai-shek's frank admission before the recent Chungking Kuomintang meeting, that Chungking's war of resistance is now in serious difficulty, the dispatch said that Chiang's admission of difficulty has a two-fold meaning, namely, difficulty due to the recent repeated military reverses and, also due to the United States inordinate ambition to make the whole of China its colonial possession in East Asia. In other words, it added, Chiang's frank admission is one of deep agony as an Asiatic.

The Nippon military authorities' outsoken statement that the current military operations in China are directed at the Anglo-American forces rather than at Chungking, is creating a far-reaching psychological effect upon thinking people in the Chungking camp according to the dispatch. This statement is proving all the more effective because it is convincingly substantiated by current military developments which indicate beyond any doubt that the main objective of the Nippon operations is the reduction of operational bases of the China-based United States air force.

Tojo On Inspection Tour Arrives In Hsinking

Hsinking, October 5 (Domei)—General Hideki Tojo, former Premier of Nippon, arrived here at 5.20 this evening, following an inspection tour of southern Manchoukuo.

Ambassador Mitani & Staff Safe In Germany

Tokyo, October 5 (Domei)—Takanobu Mitani, Nippon Ambassador to France, and all members of his Embassy staff, are safe somewhere in southern Germany which they reached early in September following their evacuation from Vichy, according to an official telegram received by the Foreign Office here today.

Ambassador Mitani and his staff, according to the same report, accompanied Marshal Philippe Petain Chief of State on his trip to the destination in southern Germany where the German News Agency yesterday reported that Petain and other French Government officials have been attending to state affairs since early last month. The official telegram added that Ambassador Mitani is now in close touch with the French Government in execution of his official duties.

Nippon Fighters Bag Five Wuchow Raiders

A Nippon Base in South China, October 4 (Domei)—In a hot aerial combat with about ten P-51 fighters over Wuchow, southern Kwangsi Province, this morning, a Nippon fighter unit shot down five enemy machines and heavily damaged two others. The enemy raiders apparently intended to disturb our commissary line along the West River, but failed in their mission.

All the Nippon planes returned to their base unscathed.

Canton, October 5 (Domei)—Striking far into the interior of China at American Super-Fortress bases, Nippon aircraft last night roared down on Sian, provincial capital of Shensi Province, and Nancheng, in south-western Shensi, according to Chungking information received here today.

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G.E.A. Youth Leaders' Confab At Nanking

Nanking, Oct. 5 (Domei)—The second conference of leaders of Greater East Asiatic youth movements will be held here for three days beginning next Monday to discuss programs for the further promotion of the young generation's activities for the cause of the liberation of East Asia, it was learned today. The conference will be under the auspices of the Chinese Young Men's Corps and boy scouts. Nippon, China and Manchoukuo will be formally represented at the confab by their respective delegates, while Filipino and Indian representatives will attend the meeting in the capacity of observers.

Indian Destitutes Feted On Gandhi Jayanti Day

Haji A. Mohamed Hussain Sahib of the firm of S. A. Allapitchay & Co., General Merchants, 147, 149 and 165, Beach Road, Syonan, was the host to the inmates of the Indian Destitute Camp (nearly 200 in number) on Monday last when they were supplied with the day's meals in observance of the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.

General Bor & Entire Staff Taken Prisoner

Berlin, Oct. 5 (Domei)—Polish General Tadeusz Komorowsky (General Bor), newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, was captured along with his entire staff after the capitulation of Polish insurgents in Warsaw, it was officially announced today.

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